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**DISCOVERY OF LOW LEVEL RAD WASTE IN AN
AREA IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE
PRODUCTION FACILITY**

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Mr. James A. Reafsnyder
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Dear Mr. Reafsnyder:

This letter is to acknowledge Margaret Wilson's phone call on March 2, 1988, to inform us of the discovery of low level rad waste in an area in the northeast corner of the production facility. We understand that the material is mostly uranium powder and scrap metal, possibly from an old drum bailing facility.

The discovery of this material leads us to request DOE/Westinghouse to review the following areas of concern:

1. Is the walkover screening being done using the FIDLER adequate for assessing radiological contamination? Since this area had already been screened, we are concerned that the screening did not detect a problem and the excavation for the new building was allowed to proceed.
2. Has DOE/Westinghouse conducted a thorough review of past activities at FMPC? This review should include review of files, interviewing past employees, reviewing aerial photographs, etc. It seems that a thorough review of a number of these sources could have flagged this area.

I suggest that we discuss these and other related issues with USEPA on Wednesday, April 6, following the next technical information exchange session. During this meeting we can discuss what revisions need to be made to the work plan.

Sincerely,

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